

Docket No. 211606US3DIV

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hironori FUJIOKA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/912,498

FILED: July 26, 2001

FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING REDUCED IRON AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES THEREFOR



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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

Please amend Claim 9 and add new Claims 23-28 as follows:

9. (Amended) A method of reducing wet raw material pellets comprising the steps of
charging the wet raw material pellets comprising a wet mixture of iron oxide powder and
reducing material powder on the rotary bed of the rotary bed reducing furnace and reducing
said wet raw material pellets by heating thereof in said reducing furnace, the method further
comprising the steps of:

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